(c) what the reasons are for not completing all the works till now; and

(d) whether it is a fact that in proposing the increased rate of land revenue, the cost of these drainage works was also included?

A.—(a) to (c) The report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has not yet been received.

(d) No.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that during the last settlement the land revenue rates were excessively charged for drainage purposes, etc., in Guntur district?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The answer is given in clause (d) of the answer."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Sir, it was clearly stated in the Settlement Report that the increased rate was for the drainage works also."

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"We are not able to trace such a statement in the Settlement Report."

Security deposits for provision of pipe sluices from the ryots in the Kistna delta.

* 588 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that security deposits are demanded by Public Works Department officers for providing pipe sluices from ryots in the Kistna delta;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that even on the payment of security deposits the ryots are asked to get their own pipes at their cost and fix them for the irrigation of the lands; and

(c) whether there are any standing orders governing the fixing up of pipe sluices for the irrigation of lands?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have not the information but they have called for a report.

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"May I ask the hon. Member to place a copy of the report when it is received on the table of the House?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered on receipt of the report."

Land Revenue Administration

Attachment and sale of lands in South Kanara for arrears of land revenue.

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of defaulters whose lands were attached and the number of defaulters whose lands were sold for realizing the land revenue arrears of fasli 1342 in South Kanara;